

EXECUTIVE ORDER 95-7

ESTABLISHING AN ARIZONA PRESERVE INITIATIVE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, there is growing public interest in preserving certain State Trust lands that lie in and around urban areas; adjacent to state and national parks, or other environmentally sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS, approximately 700,000 acres of State Trust land throughout Arizona have been identified as having significant riparian, archaeological, paleontological or scenic value; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of these lands from the State Trust should be considered to preserve and protect Arizona's natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, it is important to develop a statewide strategy to preserve and protect environmentally sensitive trust lands,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby establish an Arizona Preserve Initiative Task Force to:

1. Establish criteria for assessing environmentally sensitive trust lands and determining their suitability for preservation
2. Assess those trust lands identified by the State Land Department as candidates for preservation, and other trust lands, if appropriate, and determine their suitability for preservation by acquisition or other mechanisms
3. Evaluate alternatives for financing the purchase, lease or other acquisition of suitable trust lands and recommend appropriate funding sources for consideration by the Legislature.
4. Evaluate and recommend appropriate ownership and management alternatives for the proposed acquisitions
5. Solicit and review public comments from citizens, governmental entities and other interested parties.
6. By December 31, 1995, make recommendations that:
  - a. Are consistent with the following guiding principles:
    - (1) conserve open space;
    - (2) continue compatible use of State Trust lands;
    - (3) benefit the Education Trust Fund, and
    - (4) seek the participation of local governmental entities to coordinate planning.
  - b. Uphold the fiduciary responsibilities of the State Land Department and restrictions imposed by the Enabling Act and the Arizona Constitution relative to disposition of State Trust lands

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand and caused to be affixed the Great  
Seal of the State of Arizona.

*F. P. [Signature]*  
GOVERNOR



DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this  
eighteenth day of July in the Year Of Our Lord  
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five  
and of the Independence of the United States  
the Two Hundred and Nineteenth

ATTEST:

*Jane H. Hull [Signature]*  
SECRETARY OF STATE